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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The Illinois Senate is saddened to learn of the death of Herman V. Schaefer Jr. of Grundy County, who passed away on January 19, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Herman Schaefer was born to Catherine Mary (Scheffer) and Herman V. Schaefer Sr. in Seneca on September 23, 1927; he attended Seneca schools and was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Seneca early in his life; he met Carol J. Hill in high school, and they were married at St. Patrick's on July 29, 1950; and

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WHEREAS, Herman Schaefer worked for Straightway Dairy for a short time after high school until he was able to live out his dream by entering a farming partnership with the Dunn Brothers of Morris; and

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WHEREAS, As a lifelong grain farmer and recognized cattleman, Herman Schaefer raised a large herd of Simmental and Angus crossbreed beef cattle; he received local, state and national recognition over the years for his outstanding beef production herd, and, in 1980, he was recognized as the Seedstock Producer of the Year by the Illinois Livestock Association; and

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1           WHEREAS, Herman Schaefer dedicated years of service to  
2 local and state government roles; he began his 38 year tenure  
3 on the Norman Township Board when he was elected a Township  
4 trustee in 1969 and served in this position until he was  
5 elected as Norman Township Supervisor in 1981; he served two  
6 terms on the Grundy County Board and was appointed to a  
7 two-year term in Springfield as the Illinois State Chairman of  
8 the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS)  
9 board in 1979; he also served as president of the Illinois Beef  
10 Improvement Federation and the Illinois Simmental Association;  
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12           WHEREAS, Herman Schaefer and his wife Carol were active  
13 members of the Immaculate Conception Parish in Morris; they  
14 served on the parish council and helped to raise funds for the  
15 capital and operating needs of the church over the years;  
16 Herman had the pleasure of working with 4-H members and enjoyed  
17 seeing his cattle shown by youth throughout the state and on a  
18 national level; and

19           WHEREAS, Herman Schaefer was preceded in death by his wife  
20 of 67 years, Carol J. Hill Schaefer; his parents, Catherine  
21 Mary (Scheffer) and Herman V. Schaefer Sr.; his siblings, John  
22 (Lillian) Schaefer, Joseph (Lucille) Schaefer, Robert (Irene)  
23 Schaefer, Sylvia (Richard) Redmond, Mary (Gale) Wicks, and  
24 Bernadine (Al) Ruggie; and

1           WHEREAS, Herman Schaefer is survived by his children, Sue  
2           (Barry) Bivens, Kevin (Nancy) Schaefer, Rick Schaefer, Jan  
3           (Mark) Griglione, Greg (Marlene) Schaefer, Joy (Greg) Skaggs,  
4           Teresa (Joe) Fruland, Kerra (Brad) Guffey, and Pam (Doug Punke  
5           Sr.) Schaefer; his grandchildren, Jeremy (Sarah) Bivens, Josh  
6           (Tricia) Bivens, Jonathan (Lauren) Bivens, Kindra (Greg)  
7           Bender, Gage Phillips, Cora Bender, Kirsten Schaefer, Kaitlyn  
8           Schaefer, Annie (Chris) Novak, Dan Holler, Ryan (Alyssa)  
9           Schaefer, Nick (Nicole) Schaefer, Alan (Rosanna) Schaefer,  
10          Brittany (Channing Batz) Schaefer, Joe (Katie) Griglione, Tony  
11          Griglione, Mick Schaefer, MacKenzie Schaefer, Cassandra  
12          (Cliff) Taylor, Vanessa Skaggs, Joe (Amanda) Fruland, Matt  
13          Fruland, Daniel Fruland, Katie Guffey, and Carole (Sam Willis)  
14          Guffey; his great-grandchildren, Caroline, Violet, Charlie,  
15          Olivia, Ruthie, Autumn, Eli, Nadia, Charlie, Jon, Hank, Emily,  
16          Taylor, George, Sawyer, Chiara, Jameson, and Henry; and his  
17          sister-in-law, Irene Schaefer; therefore, be it

18           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL  
19          ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
20          Herman V. Schaefer Jr. and extend our sincere condolences to  
21          his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
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23           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Herman Schaefer as an expression of  
2 our deepest sympathy.